

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on Joan M. Swartz's Request for Compensation of Services and Reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses [doc. #592]. In its Order of Appointment dated January 27, 2010 [doc. #343], the Court appointed Ms. Swartz to represent indigent Defendant Erin Province Engle in this matter, and in the present Motion, Ms. Swartz seeks \$2,500.00 in attorneys' fees and reimbursement for \$24.00 in out-of-pocket expenses.

Local Rule 83-12.03 provides that upon written motion, and in the Court's discretion, disbursements may be made from the Non-Appropriated Fund to reimburse a court-appointed attorney for reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred in a civil matter on behalf of an indigent client. An administrative order dated May 5, 2010 provides that the maximum compensation for attorneys' fees for any one appointment in a civil proceeding is \$2,500.00, and it sets the maximum reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses at \$5,000.00.

In conjunction with her Motion, Ms. Swartz has submitted records documenting a total of 58.6 hours of out-of-court work at an hourly rate of \$250.00, which would total \$14,650.00. Finding Ms. Swartz's representation to have thus far been competent and professional, the Court concludes that she is entitled to recover the maximum allowable amount of \$2,500.00 for

attorneys' fees. Her request for reimbursement of \$24.00 in out-of-pocket expenses, in this instance for parking, is also reasonable and will be granted.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Joan M. Swartz's Request for Compensation of Services and Reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses [doc. #592] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall disburse the sum of \$2,524.00 from the Non-Appropriated Fund, payable to:

Joan M. Swartz  
15455 Conway Rd.  
Suite 360  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Dated this 14th Day of February, 2011.

  
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E. RICHARD WEBBER  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE